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Submitted herewith are the following:

- (1) Copy of a Japanese Office Action dated February 2, 2010 (and English translation thereof) in counterpart Japanese Application No. 2003-394435;
- (2) Copy of the cited foreign document; and
- (3) IDS Form.

An English translation of said Japanese Office Action is provided, thereby satisfying the requirements for a concise explanation of relevance for any non-English language documents cited therein (MPEP 609.04 (a) III).

JP 2001-091846 and JP 2000-295462, which were cited in said Japanese Office Action, were cited in the present application in the IDS filed November 24, 2003.

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1)

Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from foreign patent offices in counterpart foreign applications not more than three months prior to the filing of the present Information Disclosure Statement. Said Communication bears a mailing date of <u>February 2, 2010</u>. Therefore, the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement is timely under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97(b).

It is requested that an initialed copy of the IDS Form be returned to indicate that the documents listed therein have been considered and made of record.

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